(iv) Replacement of existing level crossing by 6-lane Road over bridges at Hanumanhati (km. 311) and Nelgol (km. 328).

(v) Widening of existing ROB at km. 260 (Devengere bypass).

(c) The project would substantially be completed by December 2003.

Construction of NH-53 and NH-150

1954. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of NH-53 and NH-150 in Manipur is delayed due to lack of funds to be released by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when these roads would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuing process and no target date can be indicated.

Conversion of roads in Tamil Nadu as NHs

1955. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Government for converting Hosur-Adhiaman Koltah Road, Cuddalore-Chittor Road, Chennai-Kumbakonam-Tanjavur Road, Dindigul-Theni Road and Tirunelveli-Tenkasi Road as National Highways; and

(b) if so, by when, Government arc likely to declare these roads as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These proposals would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments after finalisation of the Tenth Five Year Plan keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Integrated Proposals for development of NHs

1956. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the State Governments have submitted integrated proposals for the development of National Highways; and

(b) if so, whether such proposals are considered favourably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Submission of proposals for the development of National Highways by the State Governments is a continuous process. However, the projects finding place in the Annual Plan of the particular year only are processed further.

Amount Sanctioned for Stilwell Road in Arunachal Pradesh

1957. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned to Government of Arunachal Pradesh for building the Stilwell Road as National Highway No. 153;

(b) if so, whether the fund has been released; and

(c) the time frame for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) National Highway No. 153 has been